

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARD

USE EXCLUSION

(acre)

Code 472

DEFINITION

Excluding animals, people or vehicles from an area.

PURPOSES

- To prevent, restrict, or control access to an area to maintain or improve the quantity and quality of resources, e.g., road and trail closure, seasonal or permanent livestock exclusion, wildlife exclusion.
- To prevent, restrict, or control access to an area to minimize human health, liability, and safety concerns, e.g., recreational access, trespass, safety zones.

CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

On all land uses where permanent or temporary use exclusion is needed.

CRITERIA

Barriers may consist of both natural and artificial structures such as logs, vegetation, earth-fill, boulders, fences, gates, electronic and sonic devices, or signs.

Barriers must be adequate to prevent, restrict, or control use by targeted vehicles, animals or people and not be a safety hazard. Barrier life

expectancy must be adequate for the intended purpose.

Timing and exclusion periods must be described to accomplish intended purposes.

Comply with applicable laws and regulations, including the state's Best Management Practices (BMPs).

CONSIDERATIONS

Assess potential landowner and user liability before installing barriers.

Barriers may affect landowner tax status.

Barrier type and design may impair wildlife health and movement.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Specifications for applying this practice shall be prepared for each site and recorded using approved specification sheets, job sheets, technical notes, narrative statements in the conservation plan, or other acceptable documentation.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Barriers will be periodically inspected and remedial repairs performed as needed.